

CLAIMS OF THE INVENTION

WE CLAIM:

1. A game station comprising:

a base unit;

5 a first gaming controller arranged to present a first game to a player;

a first display receiving a signal from said first gaming controller and displaying information regarding said first game, said first display support by said base unit;

a second gaming controller arranged to present a second game to a player;

10 a second display receiving a signal from said second gaming controller and displaying information regarding said second game, said second display support by said base unit and located adjacent to said first gaming controller; and

a wager accepting device adapted to accept a wager by said player to entitle said player to play at least one of said first and second games, said wager accepting device associated with said base unit.

15 2. The game station in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said first game comprises a Class II game.

20 3. The game station in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said second game comprises a Class III game.

4. The game station in accordance with Claim 1 wherein at least one of said first and second displays is arranged to present information from a secondary source in addition to information from said first or second gaming controller.

5. The game station in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said secondary source comprises one or more images representing content from a remote location.

6. The game station in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said first gaming controller is adapted to present one game from a first group of games, said one game selected by said player.

7. The game station in accordance with Claim 1 further including a play surface supported by said base unit, said play surface adapted to support game peripherals permitting said player to play at least one third game.

8. The game station in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said third game comprises bingo.

9. The game station in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said third game comprises keno.

10. The game station in accordance with Claim 1 wherein at least said first or second controller is in communication with a central server.

11. The game station in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said game station receives jackpot information from said central server.

12. A game station for presenting a plurality of games for play to a player comprising:  
5 a base unit, said unit having a supporting base portion, a generally planar playing surface positioned above said base portion, said playing surface extending outwardly of at least a portion of said supporting base for accepting the legs of a player thereunder, a console extending upwardly from said generally planar playing surface, a first display and a second display associated with said console and adapted to display information to said player, said supporting base portion defining an interior space, at least one game controller for presenting a game to said player, said at least one  
10 game controller located in said interior space and presenting game information on at least one of said first and second displays.

13. The game station in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said game station includes  
15 a first game controller for presenting information regarding a first game to said first display and a second game controller for presenting information regarding a second game to said second display.

14. The game station in accordance with Claim 12 including a generally transparent  
20 cover positioned over said playing surface and permitting a player to place game periphenalia between said cover and said playing surface.

15. The game station in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said game periphenalia comprises at least one bingo card.

16. The game station in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said game periphenalia comprises at least one keno card.

17. The game station in accordance with Claim 12 including a generally vertical support positioned in said base portion, and wherein said at least one game controller is supported by said vertical support.

18. The game station in accordance with Claim 12 including at least one wager accepting device.

19. A game station having a first play area and a second play area for use by at least two different players in playing one or more games comprising a base unit having an upwardly extending base portion, a first end and an opposing second end, a first playing surface associated with said first play area and a second playing surface associated with said second play area, said first and second playing surfaces extending generally horizontally outward from said base portion, said first and second playing surface divided by a console, said console positioned between said first and second ends of said base unit, said console having a first face corresponding to said first play area and facing said first playing surface and a second face corresponding to said second play area and facing said second playing surface, each of said first and second faces of said console having a first and second display associated therewith, said first and second displays adapted to display information regarding two different games, at least one first gaming controller for presenting at least one game of a plurality of games and sending information to at least one of said first and second displays regarding said at least one game, and at least one wager accepting device associated with each of

said first and second play areas of said game station for accepting a wager from a player entitling said player to play said at least one game.

20. The game station in accordance with Claim 19 including at least one seat associated with each of said first and second play areas, said at least one seat positioned outwardly of said base portion and wherein each of said first and second playing surfaces are positioned to permit the extension of the legs of a player positioned in said seat to extend towards said base portion under said playing surface.

21. The game station in accordance with Claim 19 including a counter positioned adjacent each of said first and second playing surfaces and at least one cup holder associated with said counter.

22. The game station in accordance with Claim 19 including at least one hook member extending downwardly from a bottom surface of each of said first and second playing surfaces.

23. The game station in accordance with Claim 19 including a tray positioned adjacent said seat.

24. The game station in accordance with Claim 19 including a housing positioned between said console and said first or second ends of said base unit.

25. The game station in accordance with Claim 24 wherein a bill validator is positioned in said housing corresponding to each of said first and second play areas.

26. The game station in accordance with Claim 24 wherein said base portion includes at least one removable panel for accessing an interior space of said game station.

27. The game station in accordance with Claim 26 including a support positioned in said interior space, said at least one first gaming controller associated with said support and accessible by removing said panel.

28. A game station comprising:  
one or more game units;  
at least one gaming controller arranged to present independent first and second games to a player;  
a first display receiving a signal from said at least one gaming controller and displaying information regarding said first game, said first display with at least one of said one or more game units;  
a second display receiving a signal from said at least one gaming controller and displaying information regarding said second game, said second display associated with at least one of said one or more game units, said at least one gaming controller and first and second displays arranged to present said independent first and second games to a player at the same time; and

at least one common wager accepting device adapted to accept credit from said player to entitle said player to play either or both of said first and second games, said wager accepting device associated with at least one of said one or more game units.

5           29.     The game station in accordance with Claim 28, wherein said one or more game units comprises a single base unit, said first and second displays associated with said base unit.

10           30.     The game station in accordance with Claim 28 including means for allocating said credit provided by said player to at least one of a group consisting of: a wager to play at least one game, payment for one or more goods, and payment for one or more services.

15           31.     The game station in accordance with Claim 28 wherein said means comprises a master gaming controller.

20           32.     A method of concurrently presenting two independent games for play by a single player comprising:

accepting credit for playing a game;

presenting a first game on a first display;

presenting a second game on a second display;

allocating said credit to either or both said first and second games to establish entitlement to play said first and second games;

receiving input from said player; and

providing a result of said first and second games.

33. A game station at which two or more games may be played by one or more players in a seated position, the game station accessible to players who have physical and/or other disabilities or impairments comprising;

a base unit extending upwardly from a support surface, said base unit including an outwardly extending, generally horizontal playing surface, said playing surface adapted to permit a wheelchair to extend thereunder;

at least one display; said display positioned above said playing surface, said display positioned at eye level of a seated player;

at least one game controller for presenting game information to said display;

a data input for accepting game station control data from an enabling control device used by a player; and

a game station configurator for configuring said game station based on a personal profile of said player.

34. A game station comprising:

at least one display;

at least one game control device adapted to concurrently present at least two independent games on said at least one display for play by a player;

at least one wager accepting device adapted to accept a wager from a player to entitle said player to play at least one game.